

Finnish American Heritage Society Scholarship

The Finnish American Heritage Society Scholarship Fund was started in November, 2000. Since then, we have awarded many scholarships to students who are motivated to perpetuate the mission of FAHS. The primary purpose of the Scholarship is to perpetuate Finnish-American heritage through support of related educational initiatives. These can be related to, but not limited to, music, the arts, health, education, the environment, and architecture or engineering.

The Scholarship Committee does not discriminate based on age, gender, ethnicity, nationality, belief, or any other conditions. Scholarships will continue to be awarded annually. We greatly appreciate ongoing donations to this important fund, to ensure it will continue "in perpetuity." Our current endowment balance is over \$20,000. The committee invites candidates to apply, with the deadline of June 30, 2017. The awards are presented in the fall. Members and their families are eligible. **THIS YEAR, 2017, WE HAVE BONUS SCHOLARSHIPS** to award, because of the milestone events.

Anyone who has been awarded a scholarship is asked to wait at least a year before re-applying, to give others a turn. We now have three awards: The General Scholarship, the Korsu Athletic Scholarship, and the Karla Tate Creative Scholarship. The procedure for application is on this form. If you have questions, please call Ann Gruenberg, Chair, Scholarship Committee at 860-455-1211.

**Finnish American Heritage Society Scholarship
Application Procedure and Form
Spring, 2017**

Applicants should mail their materials to Ann Gruenberg, P.O. Box 162, Hampton, CT, 06247

Deadline: Postmarked on or before June 30, 2017.

Selection Criteria: Relevance of proposed use of funds

Documented ability to successfully engage in proposed studies

Motivation

Need

Eligibility: Enrollment in a post secondary school

Membership (or family member) in FAHS

(Please make sure you keep your own copies of application materials for your records. Winning essays may be included in future publications.)

Name; Address; phone; e-mail address (if available):

Name and location of school you intend to attend:

Identification of need/intended use of funds (eg: books; tuition, etc.):

Please Include:

_____ **Two letters of reference**

_____ A one-page (typed) essay addressing your motivation, goals, and how you propose to address the mission of the Finnish American Heritage Society Scholarship Fund. Your essay should also briefly address the question of your financial need for a scholarship.

PLEASE NOTE: The scholarship is awarded in a non-discriminatory process. The essay should focus on how your studies will relate to Finland and/or Finnish American heritage. The criteria used for selection is not based on the percentage of Finnish heritage present in an individual. It is based on the focus of studies and proposed use of funds, as they related to the mission of FAHS. (Please see reverse side.) Do not include any identifying information in your essay, since these are read "blind" by independent individuals.

DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON THE ESSAY

_____ **Photocopies of transcripts from most recent education experience, if available.**

_____ **Do you want to be considered for special athletic scholarship?**

_____ **Do you want to be considered for Karla Tate Creative scholarship?**